

Florida Epidemic Intelligence Service (FL-EIS) Fellowship Program

THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Health professionals who meet one of the following qualifications and have a **strong interest** in applied epidemiology are eligible to apply to the Florida EIS:

Persons with a master's in a health related field (e.g. MPH, MSPH, or equivalent) having taken at least one course in epidemiology and one course in (bio) statistics during graduate/professional school or persons with significant experience working in public health.

Physicians (MDs, DOs) with at least one year of clinical training and public health experience.

Doctoral-degree recipients (PhDs, DrPHs, or equivalent) in health-related fields such as epidemiology, biostatistics, and the social behavioral and nutritional sciences.

Nurses, dentists, and PharmDs, with a Master of Public Health (MPH) or equivalent degree.

Veterinarians with a MPH or equivalent degree or demonstrated public health experience or course work.

(U.S. Citizens and lawfully authorized alien workers are eligible to apply. The Florida EIS Program is unable to provide VISA sponsorship).

Foreign Education: Education completed in colleges or universities outside the United States may be used to meet the education requirements. You must provide acceptable documentation that the foreign education is comparable to that received in an accredited educational institution in the United States.

HOW TO APPLY:

All the items listed below must be submitted to the Florida EIS Program in a **SINGLE** application package:

1. **CURRICULUM VITAE:** One copy.
2. **REFERENCES:** Two current letters of reference addressed to the Florida EIS Program must be provided, with complete contact information from a faculty member, supervisor, or other individuals who are familiar with your achievements and future aspirations and can speak to your personal qualities and professional attributes. Each letter must be submitted in the application package in a sealed envelope with the original signature of the reference across the seal.
3. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** One copy. A narrative, no longer than two pages, which addresses the following questions:
 - What are your career plans after graduating from the Florida EIS Program? Why?
 - How will the Florida EIS Program help you fulfill these plans?

- How will the Florida EIS Program complement your previous training and experience?
 - Is there any aspect of public health that is particularly interesting to you? Why?
 - How will you contribute to the goals of the FL EIS Fellowship Program?
4. **TRANSCRIPTS:** Official transcripts from the school from which you received your highest degree and for any school in which you received public health training (i.e. MPH, MSPH, DrPH, PhD). Certified photocopies are acceptable. These transcripts must be mailed directly to the Florida EIS Program at the address listed on the back page.
- a. **For Foreign Schools:** If transcripts are not issued by an U.S. institution, proof of degree completion must be submitted and accompanied by credential verification document. This may be accomplished by submitting coursework documents to a private organization that specializes in interpretation of foreign educational credentials. A list of private organizations prepared by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) is available at <http://naces.org>
5. **PROFESSIONAL LICENSE:** If licensed in the U.S., a photocopy of a current license.
6. **COMPLETE A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH JOB APPLICATION** at: <http://jobs.myflorida.com/viewjob.html?refnode=3637105>

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The application deadline for the Florida EIS is May 9, 2016. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required items are submitted by the deadline.

Your Final Step: Mail your complete application package to:

**Florida Department of Health
Bureau of Epidemiology
Division of Disease Control & Health Protection
Florida Department of Health
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-12 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1720
Attn: German Gonzalez, MD, MPH, FACE**

The Next Steps...

INTERVIEWS:

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by a committee to determine eligibility. Only complete applications will be considered. Selected candidates will be notified for telephone interviews. Interviews will be conducted in May 2016. All selected FL-EIS Fellows will be required to attend a position match day by telephone with the host sites. The Florida EIS assignment begins Summer 2016, when fellows report to their assigned county health departments. Training opportunities will be provided during the 2-year fellowship pursuant to available travel funds.

All applicants receive equal consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factors in accordance with Department of Health policies.

If you would like additional information regarding the Florida EIS Program, please contact Dr. German Gonzalez via e-mail to german.gonzalez@flhealth.gov or visit the [Florida EIS webpage](#).